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### REVIEW AND UPDATE OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE July 25, 2008

We have been the accounting firm utilized by Mr. Blair Bowman and his related entities for over ten years. Mr. Bowman requested we review the economic impact analysis prepared by Michigan Consultants prior to the opening of the Rock Financial Showplace and extrapolate using current operational data.

Michigan Consultants conducted an Economic Impact Analysis of the former Novi Expo Center facility as well as an anticipated direct economic impact from the then to be constructed "new facility" now known as the Rock Financial Showplace which included the following activities:

- Review event information.
- Analyze the state and national figures on spending by trade and consumer show attendees and Analyze tourism spending data.
- Review impact studies performed at other venues.
- Discussions and interviews with various commercial outlets near the facility.

Michigan Consultants identified usage figures derived from hosted event information and then utilized those

- Offsite spending by individuals.
- Local business spending by promoters and exhibitors.
- Local exhibitor "retained revenues" (product purchase dollars captured locally) NEC Expenditures.

Further on in the report Michigan Consultants identified an estimate of annual economic impact from the new expo center (Rock Financial Showplace) by combining the existing event impact with "new conventions or conferences". Once the overall economic impact was derived Michigan Consultants applied a multiplier factor of two (2). In the reviewer's opinion this was a conservative multiplier factor with many economic impact studies utilizing four to five times multiplier. It is with this lateral calculation that our review and update will deal with in substance. In short, we understand because of the uncertainty as to what new events were going to be generated in the new facility that it was difficult to project. However, one needs only to review the event master, a copy of which is contained herein, to see the extensive amount of new activity and impact that is being

In performing this update we reviewed the above utilized methodology by Michigan Consultants and found the assumptions and figures to be basically sound as far as visitor days and expenditure data. We also examined the former Novi Expo Center Event Promoter list utilized by Michigan Consultants against the Event Master for the current event roster at the Rock Financial Showplace. It was determined that almost all of the events then being produced at the former Novi Expo Center are currently being produced or similar events to them at the Rock Financial Showplace. In addition, there are multiple additional major events as well as literally hundreds of procedure of utilizing the Michigan Consultants study as a base from which to work and applied an additional multiplier for the new facility for the actual activity being two (2) times that which was projected by the original study. The validity of this multiplier was further supported by information received from the box office Showplace. Utilizing this similar methodology, total visitor days would be in excess of 1,750,000 and Consultants impact model would yield an amount of impact well in excess of our two (2) times multiplier.

Finally, a calculation was performed to express the economic impact in terms of current year dollar values applying a traditional CPI increase analysis. The table below is a modification and expansion of Table C as contained in the original Executive Summary of the Michigan Consultants Economic Impact Study and provides for a calculation of the updated economic impact for the existing Rock Financial Showplace of \$675, 916,000.

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 In conclusion, we believe that this extrapolation process is yielding a reasonable impact figure. As mentioned throughout the Michigan Consultant report it is worthy of emphasis that this is a major amount of economic impact derived uniquely through a privately funded operation in an environment which is almost solely and exclusively occupied by fully government subsidized operation.

It is also worth noting that this economic impact analysis does not take into consideration the economic impact from the onsite hotel planned to be constructed on the grounds of the Rock Financial Showplace. The planned hotel project will have a positive economic impact from a construction cost impact, job creation impact and tax revenue impact.

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# EVENT PROMOTERS DURING A RECENT 12 MONTH PERIOD\*

AMC Network

American Diabetes Association

American Show Management American Stitches

American Woodworker

Auntie Amy Stamps! Blue Star Productions

Bride & Groom Pulications Building Industry Association

Convention Management Services

Crown Amusements, Inc.

Dairy Fresh Foods

Event Management Services

GATS, Ltd.

Gordon Food Service Great Lakes Marketing Great Lakes Fitness Guide Great Northern Shows

Greenberg Shows, Inc. H & F Productions **IBF** Promotions

International Gem & Jewelry Inc.

Job Shop Shows Law Expo, Inc. Leisure Features

Lipari Foods

Livingston Kennel Club Mart Franchise Venture, Inc. Metro Detroit Landscape Assoc. Metro Parent Magazine

Michigan Antique Arms Collectors

Mich. Assn. of RVs & Campgrounds Mich. Boating Industries Assn.

Michigan Carwash Association

MI Inst. Of Laundering & Dry Cleaning, Inc.

Michigan 50's Festival

Michigan Restaurant Association Mich. United Conservation Clubs

Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers

Miesel/Sysco

MLBA

Motor City Convention, Inc.

Nat'l Assn. for college Adm. Counseling

Nat'l Board of Medical Examiners

NOP Automotive Preparedness Expo Professional Trade Shows Regency Communications

RM Classic Car Productions, Inc.

RR Promotions Show Management Show Promoter, Inc. **Show Promotions** Southern Shows, Inc. Sport Shows Promotions Sugarload Mountain Works, Inc.

The Big Idea

US Food Service, Inc. Wolverine Knife Collectors Woodworking Shows, Inc. Young President's Organization

Detroit Int'l Festival

<sup>\*</sup>Taken from the 1999 Economic Impact Analysis of the Novi Expo Center

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1st Annual Provider Twilight Benefit Ball		11 2007 - 30LY 2008
1st Annual Providence Park Gala		Leone Imports Wine Tasting
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20th Annual MI Psychoanalytic Foundation G 40 under 40	ala	Lipari
		Lisa & Ryan's Wedding Reception
A&D Technology - Cookie Drop Off		LOC Federal Credit Union
AAU Junior Olympics		Lockwood Company
Abbott Diagnostics		-og Home & Timber Frame F
ABC Bridal Group - Progressive Dinner		MACEA Annual Tradeshow - 15
assintare.		
Accenture Meeting		
ACT Testing Administration	M	agic Gathering
ADI Security Conference 2000	Ma	aintenance Shows of America
ACPU Spring Show	Ma	ry Kay, Inc.
AIAG Auto Tech	Ma	x to the Millions
AIAG Automotive Industry Action Group (3)	Mea	asurement Instruments (2)
Airibiquity (icw Telematics)	Meii	er Employee A
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Albion College		Lanuscaping
American Baby Faire	MIA	Banquet- Road Knights
American Donos A	MI AL	ociation of Fire Chiefs
American Dance Academy - Holiday Charity Perform American Diabetes Association	anco lui Nur	ses Association
American Diabetes Association		e's Bat Mitzvah
American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC)	Michiga	n Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors
	Michigar	n Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors  Department of Transportation (icus MITO)
American Mitsuba - CANCELED	Michigar	Department of Transportation (icw MITS)
American Sewing Expo	Michigan	Facilities Expo
An Afternoon with Sylvia Browne	Iwiichigan	Golf Show
Aridover High School 2008 Pro-	Michigan	International Spring Ct
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and a Care Giver Fair	Michigan k	(iwanis
ntique Arms Show - Nov	Michigan M	Anufacturing T.
ntique Arms Show - Sent	Michigan M	Manufacturing Technology Center leetings Expo
ab Story Premier		epublican Party (2)
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ociation/Lion King FAM	True ingali VVOI	men's Foundation
	Livildwest Carw	rash Association

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	Milford High School 2008 Prom

	,	EVENT MASTER
Autism Speaks (3)	J	ULY 2007 - JULY 2008
Autocross/Drift - CANCELED EVENT		Milford High School 2008 Prom
Automation Alley		MMHA Installer Course
Automotive Finishing Conference		MMPI Board Meeting
Automotive Services Association of Mink		Moldmaking Expo
AVL - Testing Expo Reception	Seminar	Mother's Day Brunch
Blue Cross Blue Shield (10)		MTS Systems Corp. Luncheon
BMW Competitive Forum Live		MTS Systems Corp. Recention
B'nai B'rith International		My Favorite Bead Show
Boat Wars at the ROCK		NAACP for Southern Oakland County
Bridal Expo 2008		National Corvette Restorers Society Board Meeting
Business Planning Meeting		National Society of Hispanic MBA's
Cadillac Sales Training		New Horizons Computer Looping Computer L
CAM Breakfast		New Horizons Computer Learning Centers of Michigan New Year's Eve Gala
CAM- VIP Annual Luncheon and Reception		Noah's Bar Mitzvah
Canadian Consulate Breakfast/Meeting		North Central Association Fall Conference
Canadian Consulate Reception-ITEC		Northville HS 2008 Prom
Caribbean Tour Organization		Northville HS Mens Track & Field Banquet
Carolyn's 60th Birthday	li	Northville Wrestling Banquet
CC Mother's Club Fashion Show	I	Northville Youth Football
Central Michigan Les	1	lorthwood University
Central Michigan University Center for Charter Sch Ceremony Rehearsal	nools N	ovi Bobcats Football
Cessna Cessna		ovi Boy's Soccer Banquet
Chabad Dinner	No	ovi Chamber of Commerce
Cheer Banquet	No	ovi Education of Commerce
Chinese New Year	No	ovi Educational Foundation Fundraiser
	No	vi High School 30th Class Reunion
Christmas Show	No	vi High School Awards Night
Sisco Systems, Inc.	No	vi High School Class Reunion
itation Corporation	Nov	ri High School Marching Band
ity Mission Annual Fundraiser	Mou	i High School Prom - 2008
arkston High School Prom	Novi	High School Swim Banquet
ub Extreme Volleyball Banquet	Novi	High School Track Banquet
dy High School 30th Reunion	INOVI	Newcomers and Neighbors
mau Pico	Novi	Parks Foundation Fundraiser
merica Team Meeting	Novi	Sturgeons Swim Team
nic Con	NTC	America Corp Holiday Dinner
nmunity Institute for Associations-CAI	INTH	Consultants, Ltd.
vette Regional Judging Event	Oaklar	nd Chamber Networking Event
enant House Michigan 1st Appual Fundari	Oaklar	nd Community College Day 6
Hors D'oeuvre Party	Cakiaii	d County Department of Economic D.
,	Oaklan	d County Fall Update

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		EVENT MASTER
Cure 43		JULY 2007 - JULY 2008
CVS Pharmacy		Original Equipment Suppliers Association
CW50 - CBS Television Stations - Detroit (2		Outdoorama & Cottage Lake Front Living
Dakkota Integrated System 8	2)	Patrick & Mandi's Wedding
Dakkota Integrated Systems Company Vision  Dance Competition	on Meetin	Pinckney High School Prom
Danlaw Inc. (2)		Player One Productions
Design & Construction Expo		Pool & Spa Show
Detroit Area Agency on Aging		Prayer Breakfast
Detroit Catholic Central High School		PSA Award Banquet
Detroit Chinese Business A		Quality Expo
Detroit Chinese Business Association (DCBA	)	Quicken Loans Meeting (5)
Detroit Free Press Marathon/Bowman Challer	nge	R.L. Polk & Company
Detroit Medical Center / Women's Show Even	t 2008	Raval Birthday Celebration
Dodge/Chrysler Minivan & Liberty Launch		Red Cross Blood drive
Dr. Sheremeta and Dr. Modi's Office Holiday E	Dinner	REIA Seminar (2)
DTE Energy Conference		Renee's Bridal Shower
E Commerce		Research in Matter D
		Research In Motion - Reception for Sprint Restaurant & Lodging Expo
Eagle Scout Dinner Easter Brunch		Rizal Day 2007
Ecolab		Roncelli, Inc.
Ecolab Quick Serve		
		Roopal and Ankoor's Wedding Ruby & Sarwan's Wedding
Empowerment Engineering 2		SAAB Ride and Drive
Engineering Society of Detroit-Future Cities Com	petition	Samantha and Kyle's Wedding
Ernst & Young Insurance Round Table Evan's Bar Mitzvah		Scraphock Moss
Exatec		Scrapbook Megameet Exhibitor Reception Scrapbook Show
		Self Insurer's Court
Experience West Oakland (2)		Self Insurer's Conference Breakfast SEMCOG
Fall Bridal Show		
all Camper Show		Sherwood Food Distributors Luncheon
all Remodeling & Design Show		Snow Management Conference & Expo Snowmobile USA
all Sugarloaf Art Fair		
amily Pet Expo		Soofi Pre Wedding Dinner
rst Conferences Ltd.	- 6	Southeast Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
RST Lego		philane and Reynolds Orthodontists
anchise & Business Expo	- 10	pring Boating Expo
eeScale	0	oring Detroit Camper & RV Show
ontier Distributing	101	oring Home & Garden
il & Rice Ride and Drive Training	- lob	ring Sugarloaf Art Fair
rima and Harbinder's Wedding		ring Tour
m & Jewelry Show		rint (5) te Association FAM

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Gem & Jewelry Show	State Farm Chuck Moran (2)
General Motors (3)	State of the City Address
Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet	Stephen Hudson's Retirement Party
Girl Scout Dinner	Structural Images
Glory Foods-NOT USING ROOM!	SURPRISE 60th Company Anniversary
GM Meeting	TA Instruments
Gold Awards Dinner	TCF Bank (7)
Gordon Food Show	Techniques of Alcohol Management (2)
Gracenote Meeting (Telematics Exhibitor)	Telcordia Meeting
Graduation Celebration	Teleatlas (icw First Conferences)
Great Lake International Aviation Conference	Test Preparation Workshops (2)
Great Lakes Employee Benefit Services	Testing Expo
Great Train Expo	Testing Expo Dinner
Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce (2)	Thaddeus G. McCotter Rally
Greek World Story Premier	Thanksgiving Day Buffet
Gymnastic Banquet	
Harada Industry of America Christmas Party	Thurston High School 2008 Prom
Heather & Dan's Wedding	Toll Brothers - canceled event!
leather's Baby Shower	Toyota Motor Sales/Ohio Sequoia/Corolla/Matrix Preview
leirloom Novi Rubber Stamp & Paper Art Festival	Toyota Tech Center Holiday Party
loliday Beverage Show	Tracey & Kevin's Wedding Trends Fall Show
ome Improvement	
owell HS Girls Swim/Dive Team Banquet	UFCW 951 Conference
CSC Michigan Idea Exchange (2)	Ultimate Fishing Show
TAP CSAT's Training	United Stationers
dia Day	Valentines Dance
-HOUSE -Cheryl Stern (Baby shower)	Vector Cantech
rix Meeting (Telematics Exhibitor)	Vector CANtech Inc.
tel Corporation	Vector Marketing (2)
ernational Motorcycle Show	Verizon Wireless
ernational Womens Show	Visions - Massage Training Session (2)
C Holiday Party	Walled Lake Braves Football Banquet
EC	Walt's 80th Birthday
S Annual Meeting and Exhibition	Waste Management
ckson-Dawson (14)	Wayne Dyer Event
	Wayne Memorial High School Reunion
e's Superbowl Weekend Bar Mitzvah	Weiss Environmental Technologies - Reception Room
sica and Johnathon's Wedding	Wendy's 'Sparkle Meeting'
sica and Yossi's Wedding	Western Wayne County Fire Dept Mutual Aid Association
n Deere Landscapes	Willis of Michigan Inc.
nt Provider Surveyor Training (2)	Wind River meeting (Telematics Exhibitor)

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Ken & Lindsey's Wedding	Wine, Chocolate, Jazz & All That Art
Kiss-Auction Launch Party	Wolverine Knife/Antique Arms Show
Kroger (3)	Women of the Red Hat Society Holiday Luncheon
Lacrosse Banquet	Women of the Year
amborghini Troy Ride and Drive	Woodworking Show
cambol grimi Troy Ride and Drive	Zack's Bar Mitzvah

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS OF THE NOVI EXPO CENTER

### MISSION OF PROJECT

The Novi Expo Center (NEC) has been in operation for over seven years. Hundreds of thousands of individuals are attracted to Novi annually to attend the various trade shows, consumer shows, civic events, conferences, and other functions that utilize the center. The NEC is unique in that it is the only convention/expo center of substantial size in Michigan that is privately owned and operated.

This report identifies and enumerates the economic activity and impacts generated by the existing NEC. These figures exhibit what the NEC means to the area and the loss that would occur if the facility no longer existed within Novi. The analysis also provides projections for the additional benefits that would be generated from a new facility. The consultants undertook a variety of tasks in order to generate well-founded impact estimates. These activities included: Survey of event promoters.

- Review of event information in NEC archives.
- Analysis of state and national figures on spending by trade and consumer Analysis of tourism spending data.
- Review of impact studies performed at other venues.
- Discussions with various commercial outlets near the center.

#### **USAGE FIGURES**

During a recent 12-month period, the NEC hosted 68 major events, most being several days in length. The trade shows drew attendees from selected target groups while the consumer shows and civic events drew from the public at large. The center also hosted numerous small, non-published, events. In that the NEC itself typically does not serve as an event promoter, exact historic records on attendees and exhibitors are not available. In order to develop the usage figures NEC data was supplemented by a survey of promoters and national surveys. The results are summarized in Table A.

TABLE TOTAL VISITOR ESTIMATES	E A FOR 12 MONTH DE-
Visitor days	THE MICH THE PERIOR
ndividual exhibits	769,854
Room nights	11,697
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS OF THE NOVI EXPO CENTER

#### **ECONOMIC IMPACTS**

The visitors spend money off-site on such things as hotels, restaurants, and retail items. The exhibitors and promoters also spend dollars off-site for goods and services that aid with making the event a success. The consumer shows also attract people from throughout southeastern Michigan, the Midwest, and Canada to purchase goods at the events, many from local firms and vendors. The NEC also has a substantial budget, with the dollars flowing to the local economy.

These various expenditures result in economic impacts for the Novi area, Oakland County and Southeastern Michigan. Table B exhibits the total direct impacts.

NOVI EXPO CENT
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\$6,025,100
\$47,353,075
\$7,000,000
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The full report delineates the manner in which care was taken to differentiate those dollars that were new to the geographic area or were retained in the area from dollars that simply passed through or that represent only a temporary shift. The report also identifies how the expenditure and impact factors utilized were more conservative than those used in similar studies for events and centers in other areas of the nation.

### GROSS IMPACT AFTER CONSIDERATION OF MULTIPLIER EFFECTS

The dollars expended ripple through the economy via successive rounds of spending. The RIMS-2 model from the Bureau of Economic Analysis uses 2.075 as the multiplier for lodging and entertainment, 2.327 for eating and dinning, and 2.244 for retail. The consultants choose to use a more conservative multiplier of 2.0 for all expenditures.

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Using this multiplier, the annual economic impact of the Novi Expo Center is calculated to be \$189,800,000 annually. Given the location of exhibitors, as well as the restaurants, hotels, and retail stores, it is reasonable to calculate that more than half this figure occurs in Oakland County—approximately \$100,000,000 annually.

These are extremely impressive totals, particularly considering that the NEC opened less than a decade ago, operates in a retrofitted facility built for other purposes, and has not received any public subsidies.

### INCREASED ECONOMIC IMPACTS AT A NEW FACILITY

The report notes the limitations of the existing facility and the improvements planned for the new Novi Expo Center. The new facility will increase economic impacts by being able to attract large-scale conferences and conventions that the present facility cannot accommodate, and by increasing the number of attendees and exhibitors at present events. It is stressed that the most important economic impact created by the new facility is retention of the present base of economic benefits.

Table C exhibits the key totals for the new facility. The annual economic impact of the new center is calculated to be over one-quarter of a billion dollars. This figure is arrived at through conservative assumptions, caution in avoiding double counting, and exclusion of economic activities that occur outside of the general geographic region.

	TAB ANNUAL ECONOMIC IN NOVI EXPO	PACTS FOR THE	NEW
DIF	RECT IMPACTS		
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	Present categories of events (Including Incremental gains)	\$117,414,000	
	DIRECT SUB-TOTAL		\$129,984,000
	LTIPLIER		2.0
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At least 65% of the benefits are attributable to Oakland County, and a large portion is captured within Novi itself.

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### EMPLOYMENT (on-going)

The direct spending displayed in **Table B** creates employment. The figures calculate to an estimated **1,582 full-time** equivalent jobs. Additional positions are created by ripple effects in the economy.

The new center will assure that present employment created from present economic impacts is retained and additional employment occurs. The report calculates that 1,957 positions increase this total.

#### CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS

The construction of the new facility will also produce a direct economic benefit to the area. A reasonable new construction estimate is \$12,000,000, although detailed cost engineering has not been completed. The local spending by construction company employees and subcontractors will further expand the economic impacts gained from construction.

### A COMPETITVE ENVIRONMENT

The final chapter of the report notes that the NEC operates in a competitive environment against heavily subsidized competition. A review of other centers in the Midwest with over 100,000 square feet of exposition space found only one other facility that was privately operated. The other major centers in Michigan (in Detroit, Lansing, and Grand Rapids) receive large public subsidies. Grand Rapids recently received a direct state appropriation of \$60,000,000 and a County appropriation of \$15,000,000 to

### SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 376

## A bill to amend 1974 PA 198, entitled

"An act to provide for the establishment of plant rehabilitation districts and industrial development districts in local governmental units; to provide for the exemption from certain taxes; to levy and collect a specific tax upon the owners of certain facilities; to impose and provide for the disposition of an administrative fee; to provide for the disposition of the tax; to provide for the obtaining and transferring of an exemption certificate and to prescribe the contents of those certificates; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state tax commission and certain officers of local governmental units; and to provide

by amending section 2 (MCL 207.552), as amended by 2010 PA 273.

# THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 2. (1) "Commission" means the state tax commission created by 1927 PA 360, MCL 209.101 to 209.107. 2
- 3 (2) "Facility" means either a replacement facility, a new facility, or, if applicable by its usage, a speculative building. 4
- 5 (3) "Next Michigan development corporation" means that term as



- defined in section 3 of the next Michigan development act, 2010 PA 1 2 275, MCL 125.2953. 3
- (4) "Replacement facility" means 1 of the following:
- (a) In the case of a replacement or restoration that occurs on 4
- the same or contiguous land as that which is replaced or restored, 5
- industrial property that is or is to be acquired, constructed, 6 7
- altered, or installed for the purpose of replacement or restoration
- of obsolete industrial property together with any part of the old 8
- altered property that remains for use as industrial property after 9
- the replacement, restoration, or alteration. 10
- 11 (b) In the case of construction on vacant noncontiguous land,
- property that is or will be used as industrial property that is or 12
- is to be acquired, constructed, transferred, or installed for the 13 14
- purpose of being substituted for obsolete industrial property if
- the obsolete industrial property is situated in a plant 15 16
- rehabilitation district in the same city, village, or township as 17
- the land on which the facility is or is to be constructed and 18
- includes the obsolete industrial property itself until the time as 19
- the substituted facility is completed. 20
- (5) "New facility" means new industrial property other than a
- replacement facility to be built in a plant rehabilitation district 21
- or industrial development district. 22 23
- (6) "Local governmental unit" means a city, village, township, 24
- or next Michigan development corporation located in this state. For 25
- purposes of this act, if a next Michigan development corporation 26
- establishes a plant rehabilitation district or an industrial
- development district, the next Michigan development corporation 27

- shall act as the local governmental unit in establishing and 1 operating the plant rehabilitation district or the industrial 2 3 development district. 4 (7) "Industrial property" means land improvements, buildings, structures, and other real property, and machinery, equipment, 5 furniture, and fixtures or any part or accessory whether completed 6 or in the process of construction comprising an integrated whole, 7 the primary purpose and use of which is the engaging in a high-8 technology activity, operation of a strategic response center, 9 operation of a motorsports entertainment complex, operation of a 10 logistical optimization center, operation of qualified commercial 11 activity, operation of a major distribution and logistics facility, 12 the manufacture of goods or materials, creation or synthesis of 13 biodiesel fuel, or the processing of goods and materials by 14 physical or chemical change; property acquired, constructed, 15 altered, or installed due to the passage of proposal A in 1976; the 16 operation of a hydro-electric dam by a private company other than a 17 public utility; or agricultural processing facilities. Industrial 18 property includes facilities related to a manufacturing operation 19
- engineering, research and development, warehousing, or parts distribution facilities. Industrial property also includes research and development laboratories of companies other than those 23
- companies that manufacture the products developed from their 24 25
- research activities and research development laboratories of a

under the same ownership, including, but not limited to, office,

- manufacturing company that are unrelated to the products of the 26 27
- company. For applications approved by the legislative body of a



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- local governmental unit between June 30, 1999 and December 31, 1 2 3
- 2007, industrial property also includes an electric generating
- plant that is not owned by a local unit of government, including,
- but not limited to, an electric generating plant fueled by biomass.
- For an industrial development district created before July 1, 2010, 5 6
- industrial property also includes an electric generating plant that 7
- is fueled by biomass that is not owned by a unit of local 8
- government if the electric generating plant involves the reuse of a
- federal superfund site remediated by the United States 9
- environmental protection agency and an independent study has 10
- concluded that the electric generating plant would not have an 11
- adverse effect on wood supply of the area from which the wood 12
- 13 14
- supply of the electric generating plant would be derived. An
- electric generating plant described in the preceding sentence is 15
- presumed not to have an adverse impact on the wood supply of the 16
- area from which the wood supply of the electric generating plant 17
- would be derived if the company has a study funded by the United 18
- States department of energy and managed by the department of 19
- energy, labor, and economic growth that concludes that the electric 20
- generating plant will consume not more than 7.5% of the annual wood 21
- growth within a 60-mile radius of the electric generating plant. 22
- Industrial property also includes convention and trade centers in 23
- which construction begins not later than December 31, 2010 and is 24
- over 250,000 square feet in size or, if located in a county with a 25
- population of more than 750,000 and less than 1,100,000, is over 26
- 100,000 square feet in size or, if located in a county with a
- population of more than 26,000 and less than 28,000, is over 30,000 27



- square feet in size. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY ALSO INCLUDES A HOTEL OR 1 2
- MOTEL THAT HAS ADDITIONAL MEETING OR CONFERENCE SPACE AND THAT IS
- ATTACHED TO A CONVENTION AND TRADE CENTER THAT IS DESCRIBED IN THE 3 4
- PREVIOUS SENTENCE. Industrial property also includes a federal 5
- reserve bank operating under 12 USC 341, located in a city with a
- population of 750,000 or more. Industrial property may be owned or 6 7
- leased. However, in the case of leased property, the lessee is
- liable for payment of ad valorem property taxes and shall furnish 8
- proof of that liability. For purposes of a local governmental unit 9
- that is a next Michigan development corporation, industrial 10 11
- property includes only property used in the operation of an 12
- eligible next Michigan business, as that term is defined in section
- 3 of the Michigan economic growth authority act, 1995 PA 24, MCL 13
- 207.803. Industrial property does not include any of the following: 14 15
- (b) Property of a public utility other than an electric 16 17
- generating plant that is not owned by a local unit of government as
- provided in this subsection. 18
- 19 (c) Inventory.
- 20 (8) "Obsolete industrial property" means industrial property
- the condition of which is substantially less than an economically 21 22
- efficient functional condition.
- (9) "Economically efficient functional condition" means a 23
- state or condition of property the desirability and usefulness of 24
- which is not impaired due to changes in design, construction, 25 26
- technology, or improved production processes, or from external 27
- influencing factors that make the property less desirable and



- valuable for continued use. 1 2
- (10) "Research and development laboratories" means building 3
- and structures, including the machinery, equipment, furniture, and 4
- fixtures located in the building or structure, used or to be used 5
- for research or experimental purposes that would be considered 6
- qualified research as that term is used in section 41 of the
- internal revenue code, 26 USC 41, except that qualified research 7
- also includes qualified research funded by grant, contract, or 8
- otherwise by another person or governmental entity. 9
- 10 (11) "Manufacture of goods or materials" or "processing of
- goods or materials" means any type of operation that would be 11
- conducted by an entity included in the classifications provided by 12 13
- sector 31-33 manufacturing, of the North American industry
- classification system, United States, 1997, published by the office 14 15
- of management and budget, regardless of whether the entity
- conducting that operation is included in that manual. 16
- 17 (12) "High-technology activity" means that term as defined in 18
- section 3 of the Michigan economic growth authority act, 1995 PA 24, MCL 207.803.
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- 20 (13) "Logistical optimization center" means a sorting and
- distribution center that optimizes transportation and uses just-in-21 22
- time inventory management and material handling. 23
- (14) "Commercial property" means that term as defined in 24
- section 2 of the obsolete property rehabilitation act, 2000 PA 146, 25 MCL 125.2782. 26
- (15) "Qualified commercial activity" means commercial property that meets all of the following:
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- 1 (a) At least 90% of the property, excluding the surrounding 2
- green space, is used for warehousing, distribution, or logistic
- purposes and is located in a county that borders another state or 3
- Canada or for a communications center.
- (b) Occupies a building or structure that is greater than 5
- 100,000 square feet in size.
- 7 (16) "Motorsports entertainment complex" means a closed-course
- motorsports facility, and its ancillary grounds and facilities, 8 9
- that satisfies all of the following:
- 10 (a) Has at least 70,000 fixed seats for race patrons.
- 11 (b) Has at least 6 scheduled days of motorsports events each 12
- calendar year, at least 2 of which shall be comparable to nascar 13
- nextel cup events held in 2007 or their successor events. 14
- (c) Serves food and beverages at the facility during 15
- sanctioned events each calendar year through concession outlets, a
- majority of which are staffed by individuals who represent or are 16
- members of 1 or more nonprofit civic or charitable organizations 17 18
- that directly financially benefit from the concession outlets'
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- 20 (d) Engages in tourism promotion. 21
- (e) Has permanent exhibitions of motorsports history, events, or vehicles.
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- 23 (17) "Major distribution and logistics facility" means a 24
- proposed distribution center that meets all of the following: 25
- (a) Contains at least 250,000 square feet. 26
- (b) Has or will have an assessed value of \$5,000,000.00 or 27
- more for the real property.



- 1 (c) Is located within 35 miles of the border of this state. 2
- (d) Has as its purpose the distribution of inventory and 3
- materials to facilities owned by the taxpayer whose primary
- business is the retail sale of sporting goods and related 4 5
- inventory.



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